



Art & Design (Art, Craft & Design)

Why you should follow this course

This is a broad-based course exploring practical and critical/contextual work through a range of 2D and/or 3D processes and media associated with two or more of the titles- Fine art, Graphic communication, Textile design, Three-dimensional design. Art, Craft and Design is a wide-ranging course covering printmaking, sculpture, painting, photography, mixed media, drawing and many more. Students are encouraged to develop their ideas using a range of experimental techniques and media, extending their creative individuality. The course enables students to develop their skills in decision making, the ability to follow tasks through from conception to completion and to develop their potential when working independently.

Students are encouraged to develop their ideas in an original and exciting manner, providing them with the opportunity to gain new skills and develop existing ones. We encourage students to visit galleries locally and in further afield. This enables students to experience a rich variety of historical and contemporary work, which will subsequently inform their own creativity.

What qualifications, skills or background experience and interests do you need to have to study this subject at A level?

- Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language.
- Grade 4 or above in GCSE Art or Photography, Graphics, Textiles or Media is advisable.
- Students who have not taken the subject at GCSE should show an interest in the subject and if possible a portfolio of some of their artwork. Students can discuss this with the Art Department.

How is the course assessed?

The assessments will measure how students have achieved the following assessment objectives:

AO1: Develop ideas through sustained and focused investigations informed by contextual and other sources, demonstrating analytical and critical understanding.

AO2: Explore and select appropriate resources, media, materials, techniques and processes, reviewing and refining ideas as work develops.

AO3: Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions, reflecting critically on work and progress.

AO4: Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and, where appropriate, makes connections between visual and other elements.

Examination Board: AQA
Qualification: A Level

A2 COMPONENTS

Component 1: Personal Investigation

What's assessed?

Personal investigation- this is a practical investigation supported by written material.

Candidates are required to conduct a practical investigation, into an idea, issue, concept or theme, supported by written material. The focus of the investigation must be identified independently by the student and must lead to a finished outcome or a series of related finished outcomes.

The written material must be a coherent and logically structured extended response of between 1000 and 3000 words of continuous prose.

Assessed- work is marked as a whole and must cover the 4 Assessment objectives; out of a total of 96 marks. This work provides 60% of the total A-Level marks.

Non-exam assessment (NEA) set and marked by the centre and moderated by AQA during a visit to the centre (normally in June).

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment

What's assessed?

Response to an externally set assignment- issued to candidates on the 1st February 2025. The externally set assignment will consist of a choice of eight questions to be used as starting points. Candidates have a preparatory period and fifteen hours supervised time.

Assessed- work is marked as a whole and must cover the 4 Assessment objectives; out of a total of 96 marks. This work provides 40% of the total A-Level marks.

Non-exam assessment (NEA) set and marked by the centre and moderated by AQA during a visit to the centre (normally in June).

What can you do when you have your qualification?

Art & Design qualifications at this level enable you to apply for Further and Higher Education courses. The work you do provides you with a folder of work for interview for a wide range of design and foundation courses in colleges and universities. Jobs related to Art & Design: Fashion industry, Architecture, Engineer, Graphic illustrator, Film, Advertising, Interior Design, 3D design, Art therapy to name but a few.

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